

We also have to let healing be done as well.

This has been a long week for our country. It has been a long month for America. We have seen terrible, terrible, senseless things.

Every Member of this body, every Republican and every Democrat, wants to see less gun violence. Every Member of this body wants a world in which people feel safe, regardless of the color of their skin. That is not how people are feeling these days.

Sometimes we disagree on how to get there. Sometimes we disagree passionately on how to get there. But in having this debate, let's not lose sight of the values that unite us. Let's not lose sight in our common humanity, the values that brought those protestors to the streets of Dallas, the values that brought those protestors to the streets of Washington last night.

Respect, decency, compassion, humanity, if we lose those fundamental things, what is left? We need to take a moment here for reflection, for thought, for prayer, for justice, for action.

Right now, let's let justice be done, and also let healing occur, too.

TRAGEDY IN DALLAS

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, the ambush and murder of police officers during a peaceful protest is a tragedy that tears at the heart of every American.

I agree with the Speaker that episodes like this must not harden our divisions, but should unify us as a country. We are all horrified by this despicable act of violence, and we share in the shock and grief for the officers killed, their loved ones, and the entire Dallas community.

When these officers left their homes earlier in the day, there was always the chance that they would be in danger. Right now, we don't even know the names of all of them. The names have not been released. But I do want to acknowledge DART Officer Brent Thompson and those whose names are yet to be released, as well as those who are wounded, including one civilian.

Many questions have yet to be answered. But whatever the motivation of the perpetrators of this horrible crime, it is clear that those perpetrators of this vile act have an agenda of evil.

The past few days have seen too much death and too much heartbreak. As Reverend Martin Luther King wrote:

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

That, of course, reminds me of our glorious song of St. Francis, which is the anthem of my city of San Francisco, that I call upon now. St. Francis appealed to the Lord:

Make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is darkness, may I bring light. Where there is hatred, may I bring love. Where there is despair, may I bring hope.

I associate myself with the remark of our Speaker when he referenced our President: "Justice will be done." Justice must be done. Also, mercy must be done.

As we do that, as we seek mercy and justice, I also want to reference a remark of the mayor of Dallas when he said we must get to the root causes of what happened last night.

In that spirit, I want to also acknowledge Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge and Philando Castile. We have to get the facts and get to the root causes of what caused these tragedies.

In the spirit of Martin Luther King and of St. Francis of Assisi, we must continue to do the work of nonviolence and demand an end to senseless killing everywhere. We must do so sharing our common values, our faith, and the dignity and worth of every person, the spark of divinity that lives in all of them, and our tremendous, tremendous grief in the loss of life.

Just, in particular, for the families of the police officers, thank you. Thank you for sharing your loved ones with us. We pray that it is a comfort to you that so many people mourn your loss and are praying for you at this sad time.

PATIENT ACCESS TO DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT ACT OF 2016

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the House on the passage of H.R. 5210, which it passed this week. This legislation provides relief to durable medical equipment providers in competitively bid areas until October 1, 2017. Competitive bidding was created by the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003.

H.R. 5210 extends the current phase-in of competitively bid DME prices to noncompetitively bid areas. This is vital to ensure that Congress has enough time to monitor current phase-in of noncompetitively bid DME prices and their effect in rural areas.

In January of 2016, the competitive bidding program began its nationwide rollout, and, as a result, many areas, including rural areas, saw a significant cut in prices, which is now jeopardizing access to durable medical equipment for many beneficiaries.

The First Congressional District of Georgia has numerous durable medical device companies that provide services throughout all of southeast Georgia. With many parts of my district being rural communities, evidence suggests that the current structure of CMS' proposed pricing of DMEs would significantly harm these communities. That is why H.R. 5210 is so important.

I commend my Georgia colleague, Representative PRICE, for offering this

bill, and I commend my House colleagues for passing this measure.

I encourage the Senate to begin consideration of this measure so rural beneficiaries in need of durable medical equipment are not unduly harmed by CMS' proposals.

WE NEED WORDS OF HEALING INSTEAD OF WORDS OF HATE

(Mr. CLEAVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, sometimes—not all the time, but sometimes—out of chaos we can find our purpose. It is going to be my prayer this night and for the next few nights that this body can see clearly that our purpose is to lead our Nation away from the edge of the mare's nest of fear and a response to fear that creates even more fear.

We do so by understanding that words matter. Words matter. They can do damage.

I grew up in public housing in Texas right outside of Dallas, Texas, and in the projects they would say: Sticks and stones may break my words, but words can never hurt me. It wasn't true when I was a boy, and it is not true today.

Words can hurt; words can horrify; words can hinder; but words can also heal. One of the things we need more today than we have in the immediate past, are words of healing instead of words of hate.

DALLAS TERRORISM TRAGEDY

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep sadness at the horrific spectacle that took place in Dallas, where members of the Dallas Police Department and the Dallas Rapid Transit System were singled out for terrorist activity during what had been a civil protest, ironically, about officers themselves. They stood in the gap—even keeping order as their fellow officers were falling—as they were being protested in the march over recent tragic events that had happened elsewhere in our Nation. As the sniper shots rang out, and as they saw their brothers falling, these Dallas officers still responded to their internal call to duty to protect not themselves, but the innocent demonstrators that were also in that line of fire.

Mr. Speaker, time and again, America's police show their commitment to all lives, and we know they will continue to do so. Like any government agency, they need accountability when they do wrong also; but we find that the vast and great number of contacts with police and all lives of Americans are for the positive and well-being of their security.

We find in John 15:13:

Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

The now five officers whose lives have been taken in the line of duty have shown that greater love. Our country uplifts to God these five lives lost, those injured or still in medical peril, their families and loved ones who suffer beside them, for comfort and healing. We are more indebted to them all than we can ever express.

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HARMONIZE AND MOBILIZE THROUGH TRAGEDY

(Mr. HONDA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLEAVER).

Mr. CLEAVER. I thank the gentleman from California.

Mr. Speaker, when a nation experiences a tragedy like the one we have just witnessed, it can either further polarize, weaponize, and fragmentize, or it can harmonize and mobilize.

The House of Representatives of the United States must choose the latter. When reason fails, as it sometimes does, in my world, it is time to pray. We have multiple religious affiliations in this body, but all of us believe in something that would condemn any kind of violence, even verbal violence. The world is watching what we do, and we shouldn't waste time watching over our ideology.

A little boy closed his finger in the door and began to cry. His name was Bob. He began to cry and cry and cry, and his parents ran in. His other brother, Billy, was also crying. The parents thought both of them were hurt, but when they looked at Billy, they said, "You haven't been hurt. Why are you crying?"

He said, "I am helping Bob cry."

This whole Nation is crying, and those of us here, in our hearts, are helping the people of Dallas cry.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BELLE- FONTE HIGH SCHOOL'S RED RAIDERS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the players and coaches of the Bellefonte High School Red Raiders baseball team, in Pennsylvania's Fifth District, for their PIAA Class AAA championship 2-0 win over Susquehanna Township.

It is Bellefonte's first State title in baseball in school history. Remarkably, the Red Raiders started this year with a 1-7 record. When most teams would have lost heart and the will to win, these young men served as an inspiration.

At the championship game, Dom Masullo pitched a complete game, allowing five hits and struck out five batters. Colton Burd stole second and scored on a single by Tyler Kreger to give the Red Raiders a 1-0 lead. Bellefonte pushed its lead to 2-0 after Garrett Reiter scored.

Coach Dan Fravel offered this observation, saying, "I don't know why you would play the game if you don't plan on winning every game. That's just my mentality, and it's a compliment to them as a group. I've watched them play the last couple of years. I knew that there were talented kids on the team, and they know how to win."

Congratulations, Red Raiders, on your historic win. We are very proud of you.

THE PREVENTION OF GUN VIOLENCE

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, America is hurting. The hearts of Americans are made heavier by the acts of violence that are driven by anger and fear and hate and insensitivity. We need to step up and heal as a nation with lives lost innocently, with the lives of those who protect us day-to-day lost tragically, with those pulled aside for routine traffic stops end up in a scenario where life oozes from them senselessly. America hurts. We need to come together as a nation. We need to understand that there is so much that unites us, far more than what divides us. Respect for each other must drive and compel and challenge us as a society, as a nation, to do far better.

Congress needs to lead in that regard. We need to be part of that coming together to understand through intellect, concern, compassion, through our wisdom—through our hearts that are burning with love—that love conquers hate. We can accomplish that with the prevention of gun violence. Let's come together and heal.

GOLDEN GOOSE AWARD

(Mr. LUCAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Edward Knipling and Raymond Bushland, who are two scientists who posthumously received this year's Golden Goose Award for their research into the screwworm fly.

No doubt, many people have never heard about the screwworm fly, but my father and grandfather, both cattlemen, often told me stories of how devastating these pests were to their herds. By laying eggs in animal wounds, the screwworm could kill a full-sized cow in less than 2 weeks, costing ranchers millions of dollars in losses each and every year.

Using funds provided by the USDA, Dr. Knipling and Dr. Bushland focused on sterilizing the insects. Thanks to their efforts over 20-plus years, the screwworm population was eradicated in the U.S. by 1982, leading to healthier livestock markets and lower beef prices for consumers after only \$250,000 in basic research.

As vice chairman of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, I am pleased these men will be honored this year, and I hope my colleagues will keep their story in mind as the House considers how to use scientific research in the Nation's collective interest.

REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE

(Mr. SWALWELL of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, we mourn the loss of the police officers in Dallas, and we pray for the recovery of those who are still in the hospital, trying to heal.

As a brother of two police officers and as the son of a police officer, this is every family member's worst nightmare to think that, when you see them off to work, you may never see them come home. So we stand here, this House, with the families.

We think about Sergeant Scott Lung-er, back in Hayward, California, who lost his life on July 22 of last year. It is also not inconsistent, as we mourn the deaths of these police officers, to also ask for justice without delay for Alton Sterling of Louisiana and for Philando Castile of Minnesota. That is not inconsistent.

What is inconsistent, though, is to have a moment of silence or to make a call for justice but then to do nothing further in this Chamber—the one place in the world where we can make the greatest difference to reduce gun violence. I hope this House answers that call and does not stand silent any longer but, actually, recognizes why we are here—to keep the public safe and to act.

MOURNING SLAIN DART POLICE OFFICER BRENT THOMPSON

(Mr. BARTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, the entire Nation is aghast and shocked and in mourning about what happened in Dallas, Texas, last evening.

One of the officers who was killed was an officer named Brent Thompson. He was a constituent of mine from Corsicana, Texas, and was a graduate of Corsicana High School. He was 43 years old. He had just gotten married 2 weeks earlier. He was a Dallas Area Rapid Transit officer, a DART officer, and he was shot—targeted—in cold blood by, apparently, an organized effort to target police officers, perhaps even Anglo police officers, in Dallas.